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The 1984 Portland Observer-Good Year Blimp ride winners, Tim Wurm and Alida Hopcroft walk away after their prize. "It was only scary when it took off at such a steep angle," said Miss Hopcroft. Tim just smiled and said, "It was neat."

The number of winners was reduced from the usual five because bad weather held the blimp up in Northern California for five days. However, the chances for next year look good because Good Year plans to have the blimp here longer than usual.

(Photo: Dan Long)

## Oregon to send Herndon

Ron Herndon, widely respected organizer of the Black United Front, and co-chair of the Oregon Jesse Jackson for President Committee, was elected, Saturday, to represent Oregon at the national Democratic convention in San Francisco next month.

Herndon received a standing ovation following his campaign speech for one of the two officially "uncommitted" slots open at the convention. He wasted no time in stating his support of Jesse Jackson and in heavily criticizing Democratic party rules under which Jackson received no delegates in Oregon, even though ten percent of voting Democrats supported him.

Soon thereafter, Herndon received 118 votes from the delegates to the state convention. Ed Blackburn, a Jackson Committee activist, commented, "Ronnie Herndon is now the most popular man in the state Democratic party."

The second uncommitted slot went to Johnni Bell, also of Portland. Bell is chief of the Civil Rights Division of Oregon's Bureau of Labor and Industries. She said she would be "truly uncommitted" but leans toward Hart.

Oregon's 50-member state delegation now stands at 30 for Hart, 14 for Mondale, and 1 for Jackson, while the five remaining slots are filled by the three Democratic members of Congress from Oregon and the state party chair and vice-chair.

Reps. Ron Wyden, Les AuCoin and Jim Weaver are expected to support Mondale, while Dick Celsi of Portland, state party chair, and Leslie Moore of La Grande, vice-chair, both claim to be neutral.

For supporters of Jesse Jackson, the vote for Herndon represented much more than just sending one of the fifty-five Oregon delegates to San Francisco. One of those supporters, Lawrence Garnett, said, "I have been living in Oregon all of my life and I had never seen anything like it. People," said Garnett, "started looking at each other for what they are, and not by the color of their skin. They looked on him (Ron Herndon) as someone who was very much qualified, very intelligent, and

would represent Oregon real well as a delegate."

The convention, Saturday, was Garnett's first participation in a political party function. In the past, he said, "they weren't really ready for me (as a Black) to be involved." It took a Ronald Reagan," he added, "to show we have someone in office who doesn't care about anybody—the only thing that he's prejudiced against is the poor people...if you're not rich, he doesn't care for you."



Ron Herndon and Johnni Bell will represent Oregon voters at the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco this July. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

## Black educators award achievers

by Lanita Duke

**GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W.**—On Saturday, June 16th, the Oregon Alliance of Black School Educators held their Second Annual Student Achievement Awards at the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Twenty-one Afro-American students were honored and Oregon Black Educators who attended received a vocal commendation from Dr. Don Smith, President of the National Alliance of Black

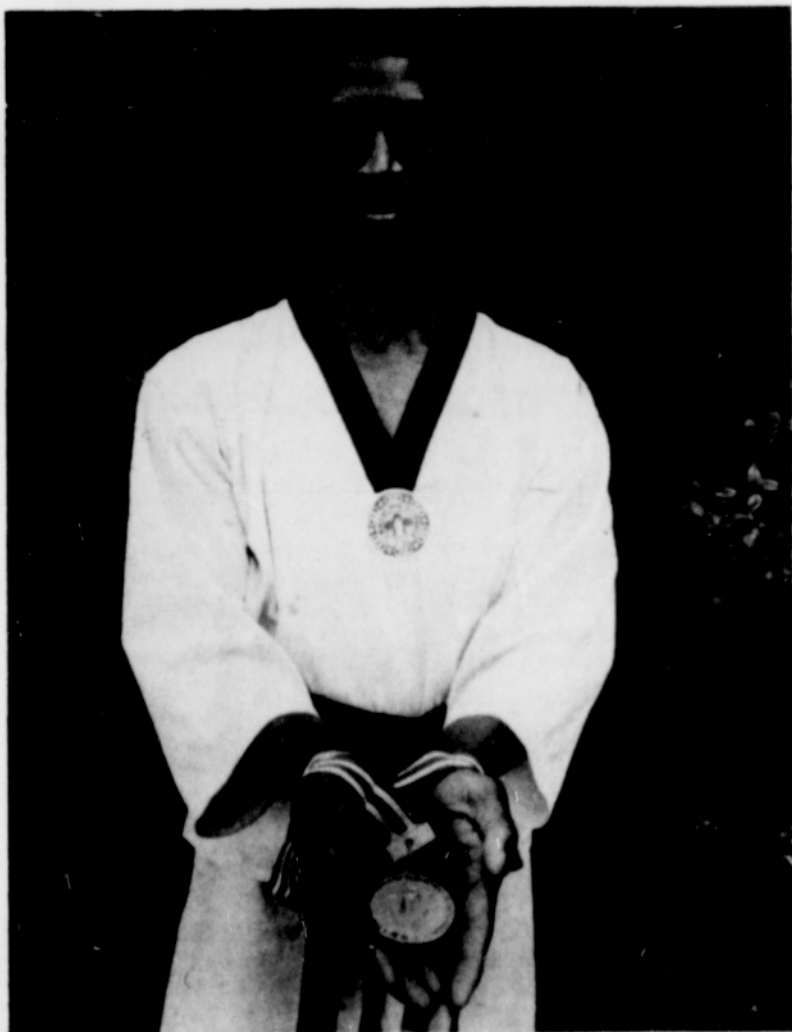
School Educators.

Smith instructed Black educators to provide a dual education to their students. "An education of liberation for our children and for ourselves an education in self-liberation."

He stated that for children to gain control over their destiny, they must be taught five kinds of empowerment: academic, cultural, psychological, political and economic.

"Academic empowerment means we place greater demands on our children. And to expect more from our children we must expect more from ourselves."

In defining cultural empowerment, Smith addressed the dubious benefits of integration. "If we don't teach our children about their glorious history, we will turn around very soon and find out that our children will not belong to us. (Please turn to Page 11, Column 1)



Na'im Hasan displays the gold medal he won in the Tae Kwon Do Olympic trials in Chicago this week. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

## Portlander wins gold medal at Chicago Olympic trials

by Lanita Duke

**GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W.**—Na'im Hasan, 26, brought home the gold as he swept over every competitor in the National Olympic team trials to earn the title of the 1984 U.S.A. Amateur Athletic Union's Tae Kwon Do Heavyweight Champion.

A student of Martial Arts Master Ali M. Muhammad of the Universal Academy of Self-Defense and Master Tae Hong Choi, Hasan attributed his success to the blessings of Allah (God) and the backing he received from the Albina Community.

Tae Kwon Do is a form of Karate centered on one's ability to kick. This year, it was entered as an official sport in the Olympics. After summer training, Hasan will compete in the Pan-American competitions in South America.

The Olympic Trials were held in Chicago, Illinois, and 500 competitors from across the U.S. were gradually eliminated to 9 players.

"My strategy was to move in quickly, score my points and stay out of the way so I would not get kicked." His strategy paid off and his gold medal brightly reflects the hope the community placed in him.

His trip to Chicago was sponsored by Grassroot News Promotional Service which used the resources of the Portland Observer newspaper to print an Olympic brochure. All proceeds went to pay his plane fare, registration fees, expenses, food and hotel.

The brochure utilized signature ads in which individuals and families printed messages of encouragement to Hasan. "In between bouts, I would read their thoughts for inspiration. I did not want to let anyone down."

Eight hundred and five dollars were raised using this method and Hasan extends his thanks to:

Von Ray Johnson of Allstate Insurance. Carl Tolten of Pacific Power and Light, Wally Scales from the Portland Trail Blazers, Dr. Edward E. Ward, Dave Smith from Nike and Lung Fung Restaurant.

Extra special thanks is owed to Renato E. Del Rosario, branch manager of Walnut Park's Benj. Franklin Savings and Loan, Commissioner Charles Jordan and the staff of the Portland Observer newspaper who assisted Hasan above and beyond their jobs.

Congratulations Na'im Hasan—The pride of Albina!

## THE OREGON RAINBOW

The work of the Oregon Jesse Jackson for President Committee is still far from over, say its organizers. At a press conference last Thursday in the King Center, the campaign announced its intention to carry on the "organized struggle for peace, justice and freedom." Excerpts of the group's new Statement of Purpose are printed below.

The Jesse Jackson Primary Campaign has ended. The foundation of an insurgent political force—a "Rainbow Coalition"—embracing the full spectrum of human diversity and progressive ideals has been laid.

The Jackson campaign has...clearly demonstrated that a successful struggle to move the history of progressive politics forward depends on the ability of Blacks, whites, women, hispanics, peace activists, and environmentalists to unite in common cause for the support of a common agenda.

The campaign has brought the struggle of those who stand for justice and peace to an historical threshold—from that of handing over their power to those who make promises, to the promise of building and exerting that power on their own behalf.

The long months of collective work...enabled us to witness the inherent value of...diversity through a dynamic, living experience. We have learned much from one another. The promise of what we have yet to learn compels us now to move forward.

We will organize for specific local and statewide concerns. Possibilities include: a literacy campaign using voter registration as a focus; before and after school child care in the public schools; a viable state health care plan; prohibition of investment of Oregon taxpayer money in the apartheid regime of South Africa; advocacy for the creation of a city credit union which would target investments in a socially responsible manner; halting the irresponsible dumping of toxic wastes in our environment; working for a campaign expenditure limitation law which would limit the ability of big business and special interests to buy elections. In the future, we will run candidates of the "Rainbow Coalition" for elected office.

Our tactics will not be limited to election campaigns and issue lobbying. Indeed, demonstrations and civil disobedience are considered legitimate and sometimes necessary to achieve meaningful political objectives.

By example of our work, we will uphold the proposition that—only through respect for diversity is unity possible, only through unity is the empowerment of a new progressive coalition possible, and only through their empowerment is peace, justice and freedom possible.

The real campaign has now begun.